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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A utility placket for use on a garment to be worn on the body of a person, comprising:

5 a button strip, having at least one button fixed thereon;

a button-hole strip, having at least one button-hole positioned to receive said button; and

10 at least one loop fixed to said button strip or said button-hole strip, said loop being adapted for holding an item and positioned so that said loop is hidden when not in use.

15 2. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein the item is one of a writing instrument, spectacles, sunglasses and a key ring.

3. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein both ends of said loop are fixed to an edge of said button strip which contacts said garment.

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4. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said loop is fixed at a distance of 1/16 to 3/4 inches from the edge of the button strip or button-hole strip which contacts said garment.

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5. The garment as recited in claim 1, wherein said loop is

fixed at any location along the length of the button strip or button-hole strip.

6. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said
5 loop is fixed to the button strip or button-hole strip by sewing
both ends of said loop along a seam in the garment formed by
attachment of the button strip or button-hole strip to the
garment.

10 7. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said
loop is fixed to the underside of the button-hole strip by sewing
both ends of said loop along the edge of said button-hole strip
which is not attached to the garment.

15 8. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein the
length of said loop is less than the individual widths of the
button strip or button-hole strip.

9. The utility placket as recited in claim 7, wherein the
20 length of said loop is in the range of 1/16 to 1 1/2 inches.

10. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said
loop is folded from under the button-hole strip or button strip
to receive and hang the item therefrom.

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11. The utility placket as recited in claim 1, wherein said

loop includes a fastening device for opening and closing the loop.

12. A method for holding an item with a placket utility
5 loop, comprising:

fixing at least one loop to a button strip or button-hole strip of a garment;

positioning the loop so that the loop is concealed when
not in use; and

10 folding the loop from under the button-hole strip or
button strip to receive and hang the item therefrom.

13. The method as recited in claim 12, further comprising
fixing both ends of the loop to an edge of the button strip which
15 contacts the garment.

14. A method of producing a garment having a utility
placket, comprising:

20 folding both ends of a utility loop under a button
strip of the garment; and

stitching the utility loop to the garment
simultaneously with the button strip.

15. The method as recited in claim 14, further comprising
25 stitching the ends of the utility loop along a seam formed by
attachment of the button strip or button-hole strip to the

garment.

16. A method of producing a garment having a utility placket, comprising:

5 folding both ends of a utility loop on the underside of a button-hole strip at the edge not contacting said garment; and stitching said ends of the utility loop to said edge of said button-hole strip.

10 17. A method of producing a garment having a utility placket, comprising:

 laying both ends of a utility loop on a button strip; and

15 stitching the ends of the utility loop to the button strip while simultaneously stitching said button strip to the garment.

20 18. The method as recited in claim 17, wherein the ends of the utility loop are stitched to the button strip or button-hole strip along a seam formed by attachment of said button strip or button-hole strip to the garment.

19. A method of producing a garment having a utility placket, comprising:

25 laying both ends of a utility loop on a button strip or button-hole strip; and

stitching the ends of the utility loop to said button strip or button-hole strip.

20. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the ends of
5 the utility loop are stitched to the button strip or button-hole strip along a seam in the garment formed by attachment of said button strip or button-hole strip to the garment.

21. The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the ends of
10 the utility loop are stitched to the button strip or button-hole strip at a distance of 1/16 to 3/4 inches from an edge of said button strip or button-hole strip which contacts the garment.